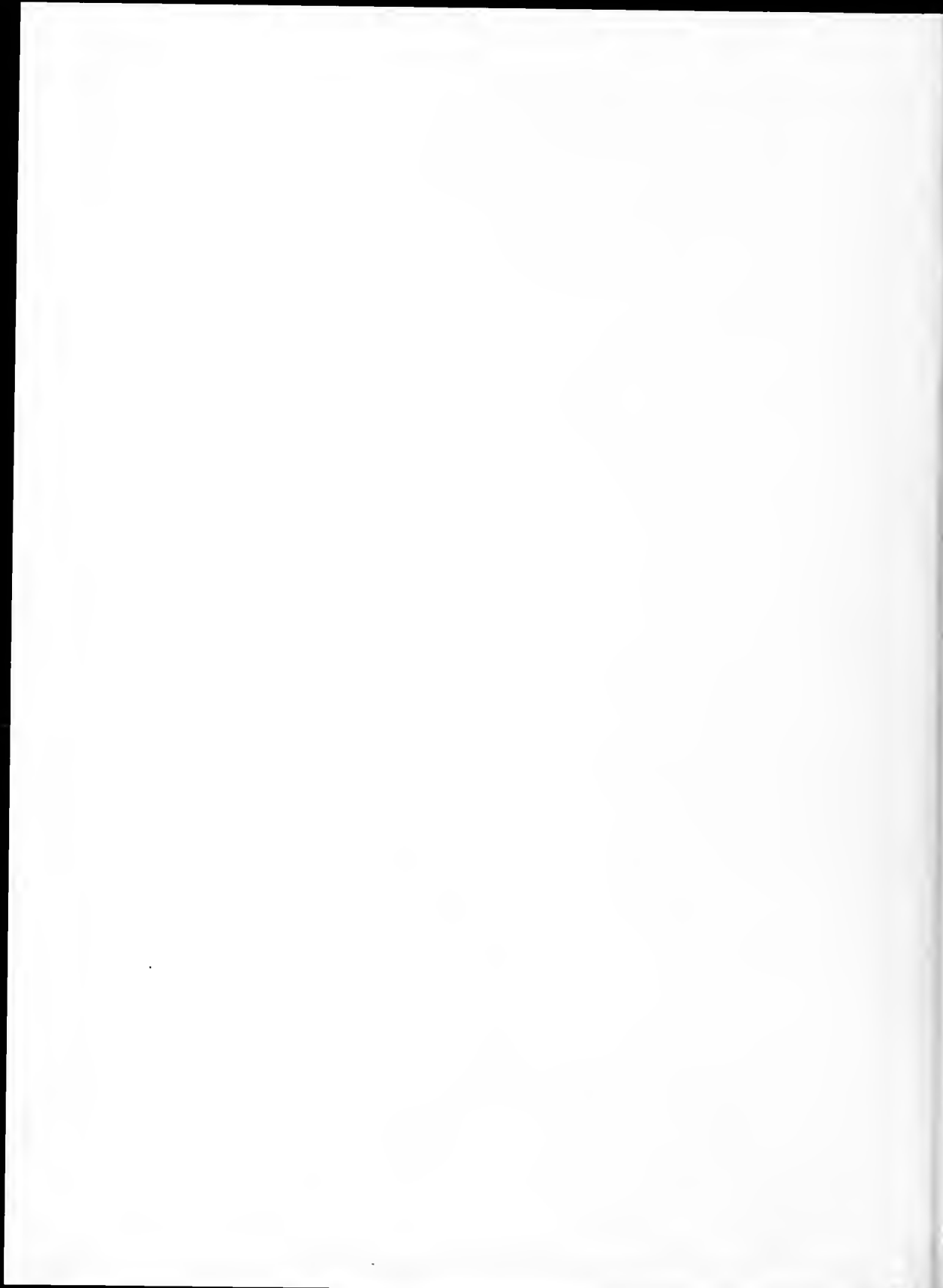
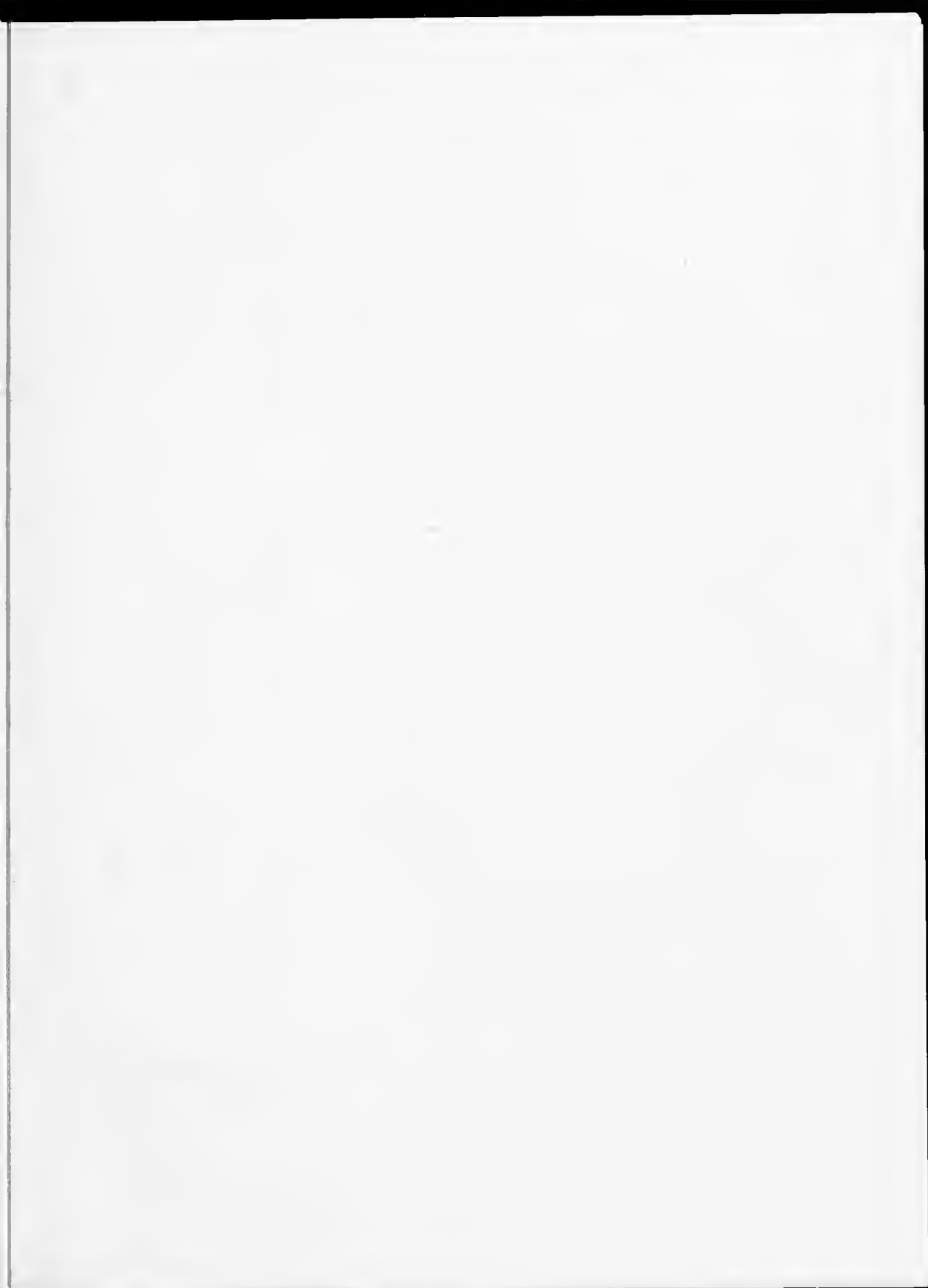


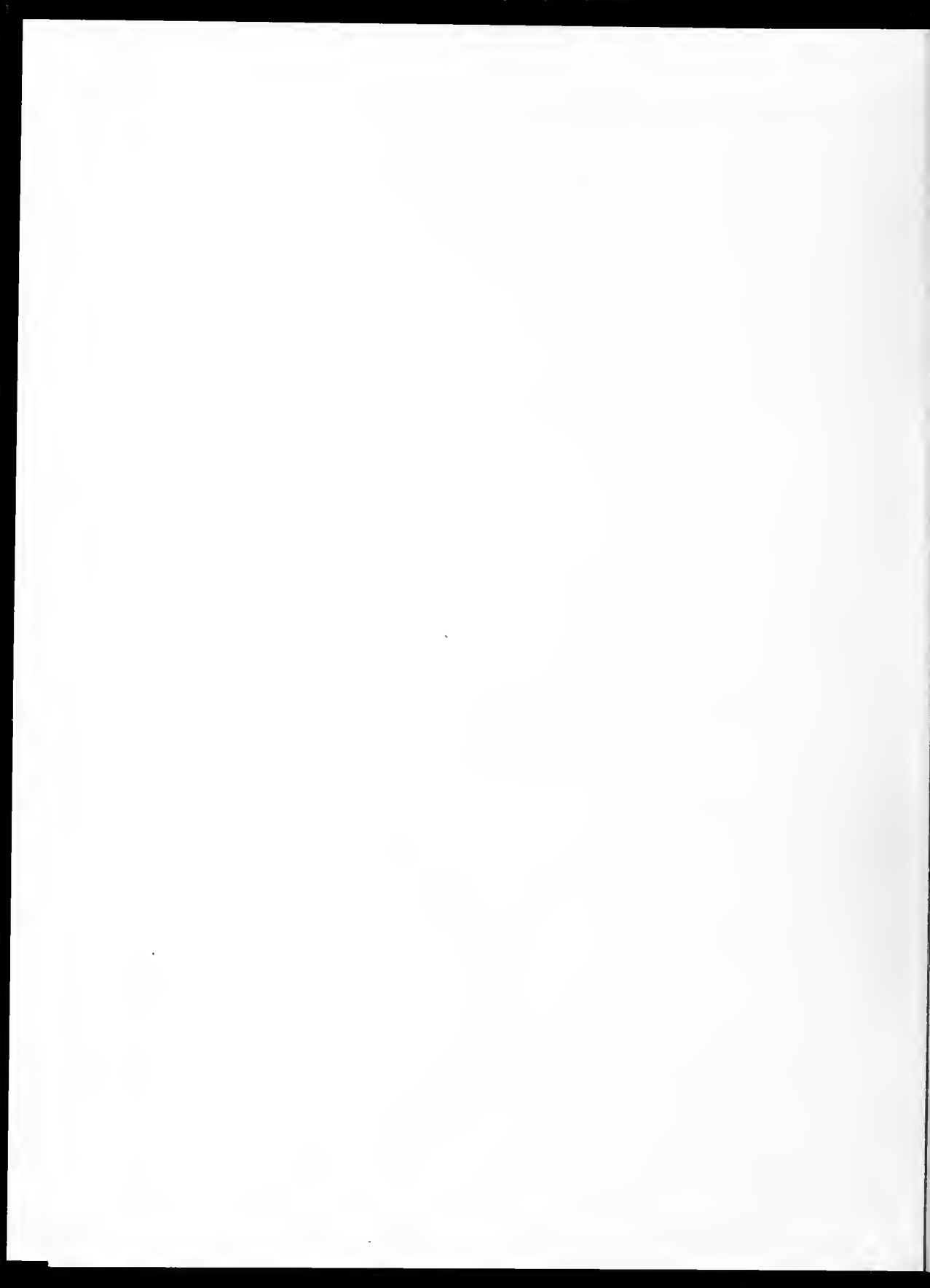
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Brandon Jeffs tells Danielle Buice and Jennifer Strand about the importance of giving blood during Delta Kappa Theta's bi-annual blood drive.

# THE LAUREL 2004 VOLUME 78

Emily Benson flashes a smile while on her way to the Lions Den.



Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Mars Hill College is the oldest educational institution in Western North Carolina. It is a liberal arts college that offers a wide variety of degrees and encourages involvement in the arts as well as the sciences. Its name was taken from Acts 17:22, where Paul conversed with the Athenians while standing "in the midst of Mars Hill". At Mars Hill College, like ancient Mars Hill in Athens, faith and reason unite. Dialogue, questions of faith and philosophy, values, truth discerned in the sciences, arts, sports, and in every human endeavor, is encouraged and explored. Mars Hill College stands out in how we try to meet the world with creative vision, compassion, and value for others. And like Paul, we stand up and stand out for what we believe.

Catherine Hunt and Talia McCammond recite the pledge of allegiance during the first home football game.



Amanda Orders sports her new hairdo from Africa. Amanda spent her summer in Africa and as a going away present, the family that she stayed with braided her hair.



Dana Teat, Senior on the Womens Soccer team is quick on the ball during the first home game of the season. Her experience helped lead the Lady Lions this year.



Zach Harter and Michael Fisher, pledges of Delta Kappa Theta fraternity, pick up litter for a service project. Service is an important aspect of greek life.

Heidi Huges and Joel Vanderhorst discuss their Thursday night Ethics Class moments before it begins. Night classes are popular among many students because it gives them more free time during the day.



Sady Werner shows her support of the Mars Hill lacrosse team in their exhibition match against University of Tennessee's club team.



## MADE TO STAND OUT

As we mature from childhood and our teenage years to adulthood, we start trying to find out who we are. We begin to explore what we believe, the values we hold, the traditions we have followed for years. And we discover who we really are – that we were made to stand out.

The ways we stand out at Mars Hill College – as students, as individuals, as

friends, as Christians, and as a whole – are numerous. Through the years that students spend here, they learn more than just career skills through the liberal arts curriculum; their talents are explored, their limitations are expanded, and their dreams are fulfilled. They find their own purposes and how they stand out – individually and as a college.



Above, members of the Mars Hill Maniacs support the Lady Lions soccer team during their season opener. The shirts say MHC ON FIRE. "Mars Hill College On Fire." The Maniacs can be seen at any sporting event. Find the yellow shirts and you find Mars Hill's most dedicated fans.



Lori Edwards, Jennifer Cross, Jesse Cyr and Andrew Barlow along with other freshman classmates listen as Jennifer explains how she is always right!

Chrissy Johnson helps direct traffic during freshman move in day. Traffic started trickling in around 7 a.m. and did not stop until after 1 p.m.



Dean Caldwell, Director of Housing, helps Andrew Barlow with all his registration information on Moving Day.



Chris Beckman engages in a friendly game of twister with other classmates at Gateway Orientation's Freshmen Mixer.

Megan O'Kelley, Anne G'Fellers, Daisha Merritt and friends discuss all different things to do on campus. Many freshmen turn to upperclassmen for advice.



# Gateway Orientation

The time to say hello to Mars Hill and  
goodbye to parents.



When the freshmen arrive on campus they are standing out just on their own, by being freshmen! This is the time of their lives where they pack up old memories and leave home to establish new ones. Mars Hill College becomes the new environment to call "Home Sweet Home." It is important for the new students to be accustomed to college. They no longer have the swinging of the locker doors, or gossip in the halls. They now have the constant walks from class to class across campus, not to mention dorm life along with the inevitable... cafeteria food. It is exciting however to be a freshman, most enjoy the moment of being the new people on campus. The goal that Mars Hill has for the freshman is making

the first college experience a good one. The Gateway Staff contribute to this goal in a very intense way. They help the freshman move into their dorms on men and women's hill. They also host events and games for the students to play. Each evening during the Gateway Orientation, they designate a location on campus for the freshmen to mingle and get to know one another. On the first day they had a freshman mixer which was a dance party for the newcomers. The following nights there were air games, pool parties, game night, and the event all Mars Hill students, not just freshmen, look forward to: the Welcome Back Dance. It is critical that Mars Hill reaches out and aids the new students' arrival on campus. They need to be comfortable enough to later contribute in the same regard to new incoming freshman for years to come.



Chip Oglesby and Alton Brown move boxes for freshman during Gateway Orientation. The Gateway staff is a group of upperclassmen that help freshmen at Mars Hill move in and adjust to col-

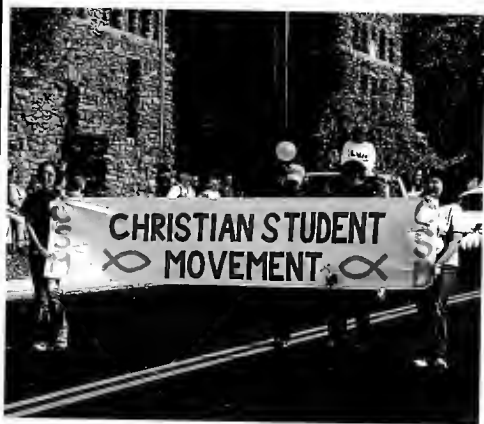
Chelsey Gaddy flexes her muscles while carrying a pillow up the stairs of Stroup. Everyone did their fair share of work, no matter how small the load.

# IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE!!

The parade flourished the streets as it drove through the town of Mars Hill. The college students, alumni, citizens, and faculty members crowded the sidewalks to get a glimpse of the many organizations decked out with the theme "Wild Kingdom". Convertible cars drove by with prestigious members of Mars Hill College dressed fittingly

for the occasion. Following them were sororities and fraternities dressed up as animals embodying the theme while their vehicles were decked out with jungle ropes and vineyard branches. Groups and organizations threw out candy to the spectators enjoying the parade. Children smiled while their parents were

reminded of their days at "The Hill". It was a sentimental moment where the school joined without any prejudice against the differences in each organization. Although each organization stood out in their own individual way, they came together to present a unified school spirit which is what Homecoming represents.



Members of the Christian Student Movement carry a banner during the Homecoming Parade. Each organization on campus was represented on the march through Mars Hill.



The Christian Student Movement drove through the streets of Mars Hill displaying the theme of "Jungle Fever" and MHC spirit with their car decorated like the mountain lion.





Dr. Dan Tunstord and his wife Beverly ride at the forefront of the Homecoming Parade. Dr. Tunstord was inaugurated a few weeks later as the President of Mars Hill College.

Several students showed up at the parade to support their friends and show their spirit. Each year students, faculty and members of the community come out to have fun during the festivities.



Sisters of Gamma Chi Epsilon, a local sorority, march proudly before their float showing off the banner they worked hard on.

Delta Zeta, the only national sorority at Mars Hill, rode through Mars Hill getting the crowd ready for the big game.

# Celebrating Our Heritage: The Lunsford Festival

For 36 years now, Mars Hill College has celebrated the Bascom Lamar Lunsford Festival. It all started out back in 1928 when Bascom Lamar Lunsford began collecting and playing traditional music from the Western North Carolina region. The festival began in 1928 as the Asheville Mountain Dance and Folk Festival, but in 1960, when Lunsford's health began to fade, he agreed to let his name be given to the festival. Since 1967, Mars Hill College has hosted the festival on the first weekend of October. People from all over the

region and even some from out of town, including many MHC alumni come to enjoy all types of festivities. For instance, the 12 time national champion Bailey Mountain Cloggers were a big hit at the festival, with alumni from the team joining in the performances. Also, the festival provided something for all ages. Jane Renfroe, pottery instructor at MHC, not only sold handmade pottery, but did demonstrations throughout the day on her pottery wheel. Many local vendors from Madison County sold things like artwork, wood-carved

signs, honey, and hand-knitted blankets. There were also plenty of interesting activities for the kids, such as face painting, candlemaking, and a petting zoo. Since the festival first began, it has evolved from local musicians jamming together to hundreds of local vendors, musicians, and Mars Hill students coming together to enjoy good food, dancing, and music. As in years past, the Lunsford Festival for 2003 was quite a success. - Becca Carey



Above, Erin Sinclair, Carla Meador, and Melody Bailiff come out to enjoy all the booths and demonstrations at the festival.



The Bailey Mountain Cloggers, 12 time National Champions, perform each year at the Lunsford Festival. Shamus Riley, a BMC alumni, dances with sophomore clogger Danielle Buice.





The Mars Hill College Choir held a cookout at the Linford Festival to help raise money for their spring tour. The booth was a big hit with baked goods, canned drinks, hotdogs, and hot apple cider.

Below, a member of Alpha Psi Omega paints the face of a local child. The Theatre Arts Honor Fraternity sponsors face painting every year in front of Owen Theatre.



Above, crowds gather at the various booths on College Street. The whole street was closed off for the weekend of the Festival.

Heather Deby takes a moment to smile with Cosmo outside Marshbanks. Lion spirit is more contagious than ever with good crowds turning out for home football games.

Michael Grant and  
Denisha Kirk, 2003  
Homecoming King and  
Queen.



Lee Cope and Jamie  
Ballance, Senior Rep-  
resentatives.



Dr. Dan Lunsford, a stand-in for last year's  
Homecoming King. Ryan Mulligan, escorts  
Kristen Robinson, last year's Homecoming  
Queen.



Amber Waters and  
Matt Davis, Junior  
Representatives.



John Walenczyk and  
Ashleigh Trievel, Senior  
Representatives.

# HOMECOMING COURT

## 2003

Homecoming Court consists of representatives from the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes. The Freshman representatives on the homecoming court this year were Mary Maraget Faulk and Ben Thomas. The sophomore representatives were Brandon Jeffs and Laura Jackson. The junior class representatives were Matt Davis and Stephanie Grubbs. The Senior Class representatives were Lee Cope and Jamie Ballance, John Walenczyk and Ashleigh Trivel, Michael Grant and Denisha Kirk



Top right - Ben Thomas and Mary Maragret Fulk, Freshman Representatives.



Bottom right - Brandon Jeffs and Laura Jackson, Sophomore Representatives.

# LIONS GROWL ZOOZ

The homecoming festivities this year were kicked off on a cold Thursday night at Meares Stadium. Students and alumni gathered for the annual Lion's Growl to watch different campus organizations show their school spirit and compete for the prize of \$100. While many of the groups' presentations brought laughter, Delta Kappa Theta's hilarious version of America's Funniest Home Videos on the Wild Kingdom theme stole the show. The fireworks display after the skit presentations ended the evening in a patriotic mood as students realized again how we stand out. Other organizations that competed: Cheerleaders, Delta Phi Zeta, Delta Zeta, Gamma Chi Epsilon, Dance Team, Sigma Alpha Chi, Theta Chi, Delta Kappa Theta, and ISU (Insane Steppers in Unity).

The senior football players, escorted by the cheerleading team, were individually recognized for their dedication and hard work.



Cosmo cheers on the crowd at Thursday nights Lion's Growl. Many organizations had Cosmo in their skit to show school spirit.

Pledges of Delta Kappa Theta fraternity performs their skit that imitates *America's Funniest Home Videos*. Delta Kappa Theta won first place in the skit competition this year.



The Cheerleading Team supports one of its members during the first performance of the night. The Cheerleaders went first to get the crowd excited.



Gamma Chi Epsilon shows off their costumes worn for their Lion's Growl skit. In Gamma's skit the peacock comes and saves the day.



Senior football player CJ Petty gives his daughter Brooklyn a piggyback ride as he walked out to be recognized with the other senior football players.



Members of the Dance Team shake it like Britney Spears in their rendition of "I'm a Slave 4 U". This is the first time the Dance Team has performed for the Lion's Growl.



Pledges of Delta Phi Zeta decided to entertain the crowd with a dance. Numerous organizations incorporated dancing into their skits.

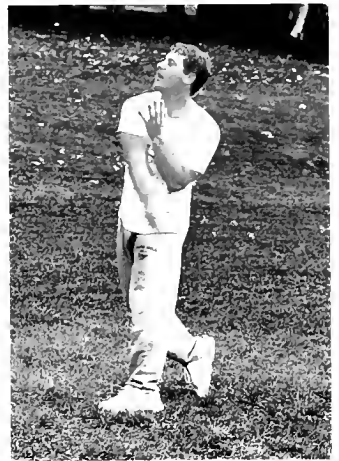


Talia McCammond and Megan McCauley entertain the crowd with their version of Mars Hill College football. Sigma Alpha Chi was one of many groups that used football in their skit.

Sisters of Delta Zeta take a quick second to pose for the camera before their skit. Delta Zeta tied with Gamma Chi Epsilon for second place in the skit competition.







Smiling Faces  
Around Campus



# Interview with Jesse Jones

One student's first-hand account of  
the War in Iraq.

"It was like *Groundhog Day* in a huge sandbox in the blistering heat." This is how Mars Hill student and U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Jesse Jones describes his experience while being stationed in Iraq. He was expecting, like the rest of his classmates, to graduate this May, but last January the tables turned and he was sent to fight in Iraq while making stops in California and Kuwait along the way. Jesse spent a little over six months overseas and while he was in the midst of a war, he was able to keep a little piece of Mars Hill with him: "I am very thankful for the prayer, letters, and packages that the MHC community provided during my tough situation." Story continued on next page.







Now, more than ever, Jesse realizes how important college is and brings to light what most of us take for granted.

"I missed my family and friends and even the crazy hours in the library putting together 20 page papers for the professors at Mars Hill." Jesse returns to us this spring and expects to graduate in May of 2004 with a double major in political science and sociology with a concentration in criminal justice. He also hopes to extend his service work from the Bonner program and use his talents after college to better society.

# TALENT SHOW ZZZZZ

Homecoming activities continued with the MHC Talent Show on Friday, October 24th. The talent show provided students an opportunity to stand out. This year there were nine participants in the show, and a great crowd turned out to cheer them on. All of the contestants except the Step Team sang, with three contestants who also wrote their songs. Michael Fisher started off the night singing "More Than You Know." Freshman Meg Currier sang "Imagine Me." Sophomore Josh Leland sang his self-written song, "Don't Tell Me," and also played the guitar, winning third place. Chelsey Gaddy sang the Jewel song "You Were Meant For Me," and Dane Peterson sang a wonderful rendition of "Christmas Shoes" that won him second runner-up. The Step Team had a great performance, as always, followed by Josh Dillingham, who also wrote his own song, "Push," and played the guitar, winning runner-up. Sophomore Terra Kohl sang the Dixie Chicks remake of "Landslide," followed by this year's winner Donia Paynes who sang acappella a song he wrote himself. Altogether, this year's show was an incredible showcase of student talent.

Donia Paynes poses with his prize after he won the talent show singing an original song acappella.



Terra Kohl does her best to impress the judges with her vocal talent.

Sophomore Josh Leland put a lot of emotion into his song, "Don't Tell Me," earning third place in this year's show.



Celsey Gaddy was accompanied by Josh Dilland as she sang a song by the popular artist Jewel

DJP dressed to impress and got second runner-up with his song "Christmas Shoes"



Meg Currier sang "Imagine Me" to a packed house



Members of the Step Team rocked the Loft as always. Their performances are always highly anticipated



Brandon Jeffs, a member of the Campus Activities Staff, ran the show, introducing each contestant



Josh Dillingham played his guitar while singing his original song, "Push"

Domi Paynes performs his original song that was untitled, earning first place

Dr. Lunsford and Troy Day, chairman of the Board of Trustees, shared a few private moments as they donned their academic gowns.

## *Dr. Lunsford's Inauguration*

The Mars Hill College community celebrated the official installation of Dan Lunsford as the college's 18th president on Friday, November 7.

In attendance were faculty, staff, and students, community members, representatives from other educational institutions, several members of the Lunsford family, and various other dignitaries.

The ceremony formalized the decision by the Board of Trustees last May to end a nationwide search and select Lunsford as college president. He had been interim president since February 4, 2002.

"Preserving the Past, Assuring the Future" was the theme for the events surrounding the inauguration and was also the theme of Lunsford's inaugural address.

Dr. Lunsford gives his father a heartfelt hug after his father delivered a very moving prayer during Dr. Lunsford's inauguration.





Dr. Funstord and his wife Beverly proudly exit Moore Auditorium. The Funstords went to a reception afterwards and were greeted by friends and family.

Dr. Funstord waves in acceptance to the crowd after receiving the silver medallion during his inauguration.







# STAND OUT

Seniors	24-31
Juniors	32-35
Sophmores	36-39
Freshmen	40-45

# - Mars Hill College -





# - Class of 2004 -



Tiffany Aiken



Jill Atkins



Erin Babb



Ray Bailey



Jamie Ballance



Jamie Barr



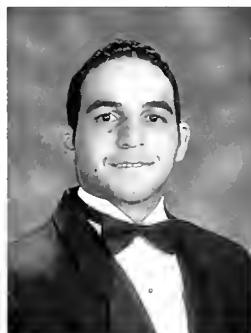
Kiley Berry



Kari Best



Tara Borders



Carlos Bracho



Doug Chester



Lee Cope

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Alma Coyle



Naomi Criser



Jenny Davis



Laura Davis



Heather Debty



Julie Duval



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Stefanie Grubbs

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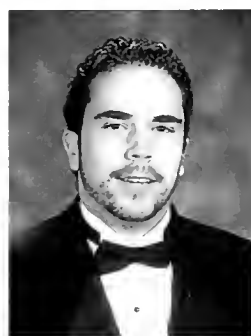
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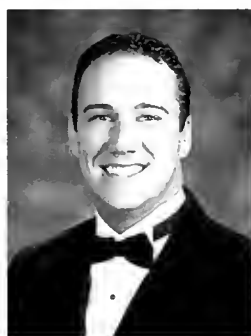
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Chrissy Jahnsen



Denisha Kirk



Larisha Littlejohn



Becky Lorenz



Richard Lowrance



Talia McCammond



Nathan McCollin



Lauren McCoy



Daniel Miller



Piotr Miskiewicz



Wayne Morris



Kelly Norman

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Amanda Orders



Erica Pace



Ryan Phillips



Trinity Phillips



Roscoe Powell



Sarah Puckett



Larry Putnam



Robin Putnam



Sarah Reiff



Casey Reiko



Jason Roberts



Sarah Roberts

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Dan Sandlin



Tamella Shanks



Blaise Shaw

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Erin Sinclair



Aaron Slate



Dana Teat



Jonathan Thomas



Thiago Tiberio



Ashleigh Trievel



Vasilis Tsolakidis



Joel Vanderhorst



Terrence Washington



Keith Watkins



Sammie Woodall



Robin Adams  
Megan Anderson  
Tessa Ashwell  
Jasan Aycack



Jared Bailey  
Chris Ballard  
Noel Barry  
Adam Baxter





# - Class of 2005 -



Erin Bennett  
Biljana Bosevska  
Catherine Bost  
Phillip Bost



Joy Brittan  
Beth Carswell  
Christy Davis  
Melena Dentan



Elizabeth Dougherty  
Rachel Greybill  
Rebekka Horper  
Tiffany Heatherly



Courtney Hallifield  
Catherine Hunt  
Bethany Janes  
Zoch Jardon



Braake Kay  
Kayla Kelley  
Elizabeth King  
Nancy King



Laura La Francis  
Tabatha Lee  
Wesley Martin  
Jennifer Menard



# - Class of 2005 -



Stacy Neuhauser  
Sara Nichols  
Alicia Owens  
Amando Proffitt



Ben Rice  
Jason Rietman  
Jaonno Robinson  
Tate Schleider



Brian Smith  
Craig Smith  
Nicholas Spencer  
Amanda Tester



Dane Thompson  
Amanda Tomlinson  
Lamar Wilson  
Chasiti Young



Nancy Ammans  
Jessica Arrington  
Susan Beane  
Megan Brand



Rachelle Brockway  
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Johnny Brown  
Hally Buff



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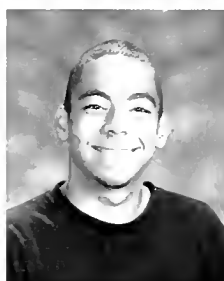
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Cary Carpenter  
Erin Carter



Gabrielle Currie  
Christy Daley  
Jenna Dixon  
Derrick Everhart



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Natasha Harrison  
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Laura Jackson  
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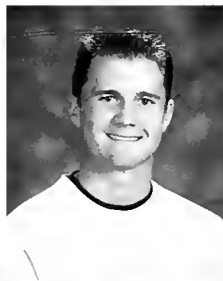
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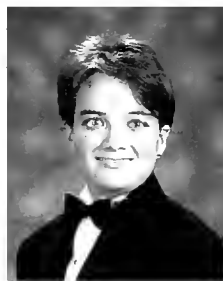
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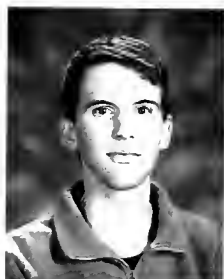


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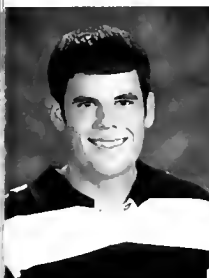


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Steven Arnall  
William Baird  
Rachell Banks





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Sheena Camp  
Elaso Carson  
April Castelow  
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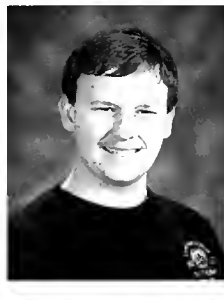
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Michael Fisher  
Cady Frady  
Mary Fulk  
Caralyn Guess



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Terronce Howell  
Leslie Johnson  
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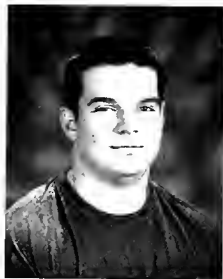
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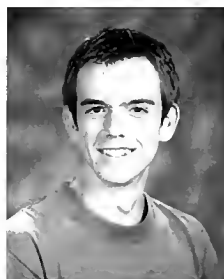
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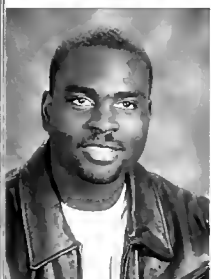
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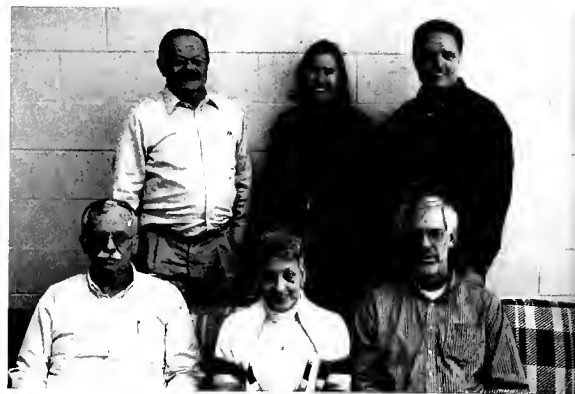


Tamara Washington  
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Barbara Cary, Deb Morris, Janet Bowman, and Jim Brown  
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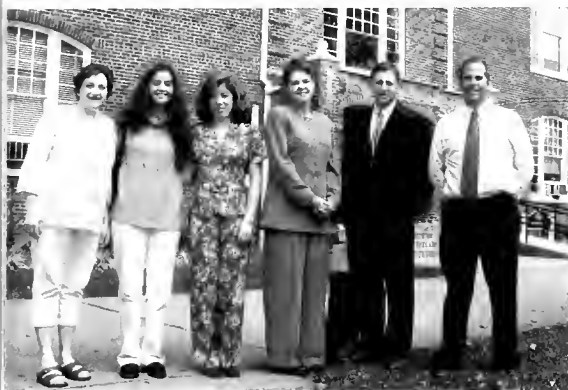
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and Sylvia Murphey (not pictured: Deb Morris)



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Myrtle Martin, Donna Banks, Alma Robinson,  
and Jennifer Barnett



### **Lifeworks**

Missy Harris, Cindy Frost, Kim Christman, Stan Dotson,  
Gil Bosonetto, and Terri Farless

# Student Government Association

*cream of the crop*  
**STANDING OUT**



## **Freshman Class Officers**

Tashia Prine - President

Nancie Gruber - Vice-President

Mimi Medrano - Secretary/Treasurer

## **Sophomore Class Officers**

Brandon Jeffs - President

Chelsey Gaddy - Vice-President

James Thompson - Secretary/Treasurer





### **Junior Class Officers**

Erin Bennett - President  
 Rebekka Harper - Vice-President  
 Phillip Bost - Secretary/Treasurer

### **Senior Class Officers**

Jill Atkins - President  
 Amy Schacht - Vice-President  
 Kat Marotta - Treasurer  
 Dan Miller - Secretary



### **Executive Board**

Dane Thompson - Chief of Defense, Ben Jackson - Vice-President, Jeff Jenkins - President,  
 Chris Alley - Treasurer, Lee Cope - Chief Justice, Aday Nizol - Attorney General, Nina Gilliam  
 - Secretary (Not Pictured - Denisha Kirk - Chaplain, Ben Tallcott - Parliamentarian )

# CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD

Campus Activities Board is made up of a staff director, a student director, and a committee of dedicated students. The purpose of the board is to provide a variety of activities for students to do on campus. Some of the activities that CAB provides include the Winter Formal, fun

games during Spring Fling, "Breakfast in Bed" dinners in the cafeteria, social events in the Timberline (pictured on the right), and much more. CAB brings bands to campus and is responsible for the great Homecoming activities such as the talent show and the Lion's Growl.



Carling Stepniak has a blast sliding down Sliding Rock in Pisgah National Forest when CAB spent an afternoon out there.



Students dance the night away at this year's Semi-Formal. The theme was Oscar night and the evening was complete with a red carpet leading into a lovely heated tent.





Ashleigh Friel, Joanna Robinson, Brandon Jeffs, and Emily McCollin work hard in a planning meeting. Members of the Campus Activities Board meet each week to plan upcoming events.



At the beginning of the year, students try to see who can run the farthest before being snapped back into a cushion of air. The air games on the quad are a big event for students and are highly attended.



Joanna Robinson (CAB staff member), Chrissy Johnson (Student Director), and Emily McCollin (Staff Director) pose for a picture at the Semi-Formal this winter.

So Young Kim waits as she gets an airbrush tattoo on her ankle. At the beginning of the year, CAB sponsors an evening of air games, wax hands, and airbrush tattoos.

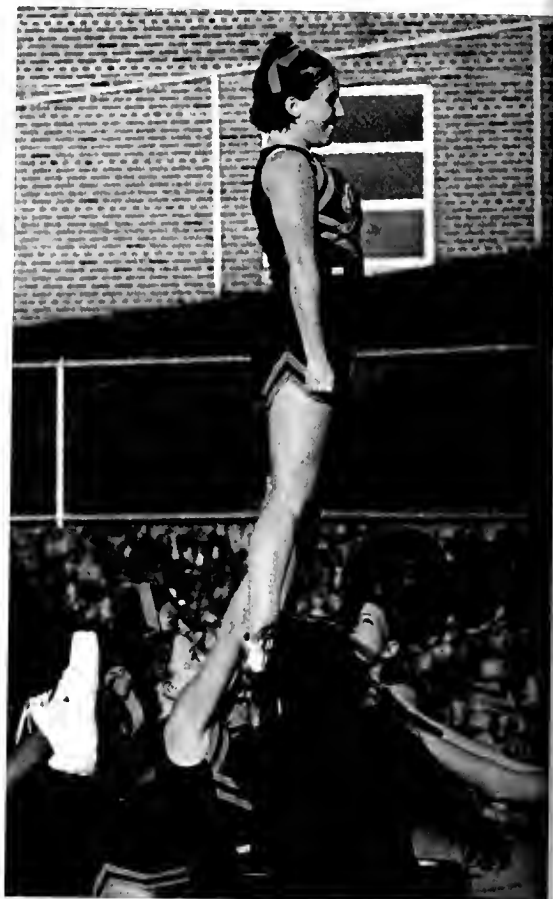
# Cheerleaders



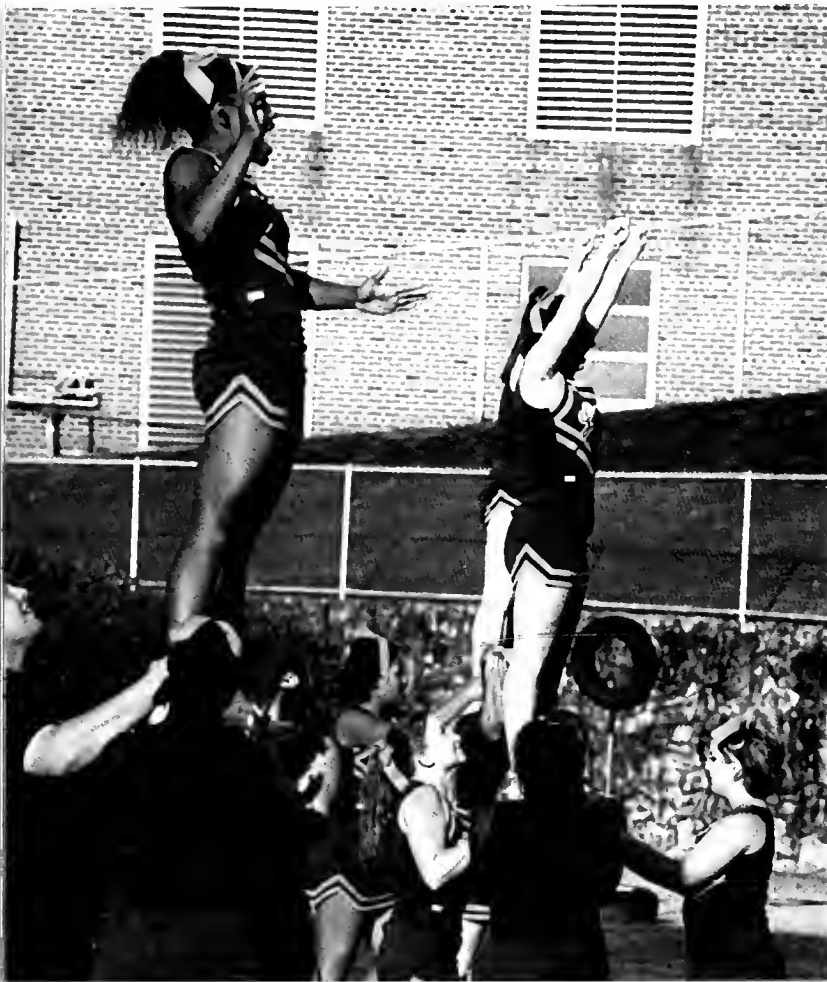
The cheerleaders get ready to perform a cheer to keep the crowd excited and pumped up.



MHC cheerleaders attempted many more stunts this year and were very successful. Teamwork is a major part of cheerleading!



Lillie Hughes and the other MHC cheerleaders try to get the crowd into the game. The cheerleaders are always present at any home football or basketball game.



Lillie Hughes leads the crowd in a cheer

Jamie Buckner stands on top of the pyramid cheering the Lions on to victory



Lillie Hughes escorts the college's smallest cheerleader after a game.

The cheerleaders wait for the Homecoming Parade to start



# Mars Hill College Scholars

*our time to shine*

Grayson-Marshbanks Scholars pile in for a picture after a day of fun at Glory Ridge.



Baptist Scholar Blake Hart cleans out the toolshed at the Jesuit Center.

Some of the Bonner Scholars use teamwork to solve a rope puzzle while on the retreat. During the retreat, Bonners get closer with fellow students that they will be spending a lot of time with over the next few years.





Baptist scholars stand proudly by the gate they helped to put up with a long day's work at Mountin' Hopes.



Give a **HELPING** HAND



The Bonner Scholars pose for a picture at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain where the retreat was held this summer.



Baptist scholars Ashley Money, Elisabeth Yates, and Andrew Shelton sit back and relax for a few minutes after helping out for a day at Mountin' Hopes.

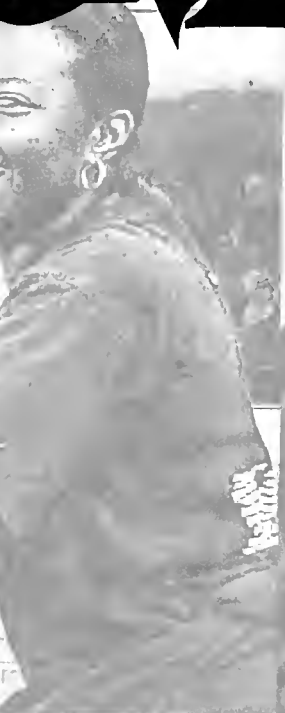


Daisha Merritt, a Bonner Scholar, helps clean up her campsite after the end-of-summer retreat.

Some of the Grayson-Marshbanks Scholars slept out under the stars at Glory Ridge. Morning came too early for these scholars.



# GREEK





# LIFE

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# DELTA ZETA



Delta Zeta is currently the only national sorority on campus and has 34 members. Delta Zeta was established in 1902 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Their CCD's are Robin Cole and DeAnne Lyda. They do fund raisers for different organizations and their philanthropy is for the hearing and speech impaired. They also volunteered at a dance held at Mars Hill Elementary for the Special Olympics. They take a part in Adopt -a-Highway as well. Some events the sisters do throughout the year include capture the flag, scavenger hunts and having events such as brunch at Homecoming to stay close with alumni.

~Bekka Harper

Abby Darnly, Bethany Leatherwood, and Mary Glen Howerton have fun during Western Night.



Sheena Camp and Tara Thompson give each other facials during Spy Night.

Juniors Melissa Harmon and Jen Strand enjoy some time together out with some sisters.



# ΔZ



Caty Carpenter, Natalie Byrd, and Jenna Dixon at Spy Night with new members



Danielle Buice smiles as she struts her stuff at Delta Kappa Theta's Greek Goddess Competition



Sisters Abby Darnly, Rebekka Harper, Bethany Leatherwood, and Tarshie Burrell have a ball even when they aren't doing anything special

Jill Zirkle hangs out with her Big Brother,  
Ronnie Lanier.

# DELTA PHI ZETA

Delta Phi Zeta is a sisterhood of unique women, having a strong bond of friendship and a lust for life. Delta Phi Zeta was established in 1966 as a service/social sorority at Mars Hill College. Since that time they have promoted unity between the college and the surrounding community by performing acts of service through organizations such as Manna Food Bank, HelpMate, the Red Cross, and Mountin' Hopes. They also hold socials with their beloved Big Brothers - there is always time for friends and fun. Their motto is "Friends by chance, sisters by choice".

## Officers-

President- Jill Zirkle

Vice President of Service- Alisha Baker

Secretary- Alisha Baker

Treasurer- Alisha Baker

Vice President of Socials- Wendy Roberts

Historian- Sara Randolph

Pledge Mistress- Bethany Brooks

Sisters Sara Randolph, Bethany Brooks, and Jill Zirkle spend some quality time together.





# ΔΦΖ

The current sisters welcome back the alumni sisters during Homecoming Weekend. Homecoming is always a time for alumni Greeks to come back and visit.

Sisters Chelsea Hames, Bethany Brooks, Jill Zirkle, Sara Randolph, Alisha Baker, and Katie Anderson enjoy spending time together in an activity.





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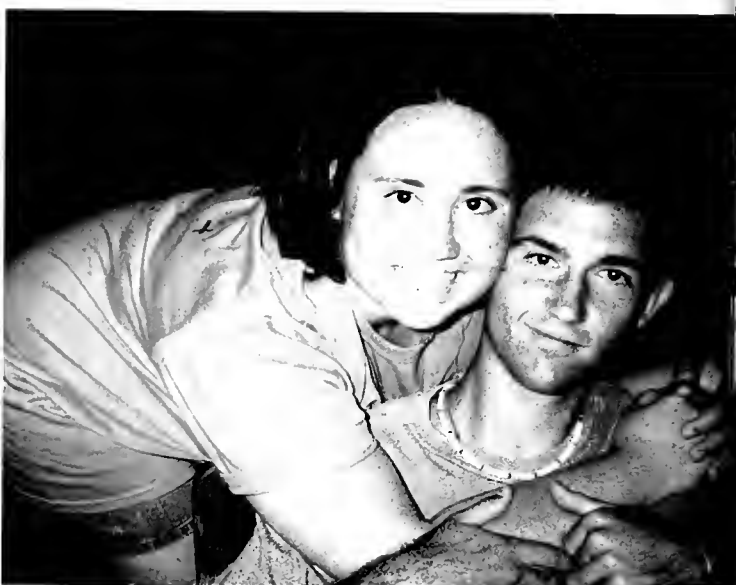
Sister Carrie Murry takes a moment to relax at Fall Rush.

Chelsey Gaddy and Christy Daley share a laugh while hanging out together.



Lindsey Ballentine tries to out run a Sigma sister during the Gamma-Sigma PowerPuff Football game.

Noel Barry spends some quality time with her Big Brother Carson Byrd.





# GAMMA CHI EPSILON

Gamma Chi Epsilon, a local sorority on Mars Hill campus, was founded in 1987. Their colors are purple and green, their mascot is the peacock, and their flower is the violet. Throughout the year, the sisters of Gamma sponsor many events, including a sock hop, the Annual Dance for Independence with IXA, the Clothesline Project to raise awareness about domestic violence, and the Homeless Awareness Sleepout. The sisters also spend their time helping Madison County by participating in Make a Difference Day, Relay for Life, and working with the Northwestern Regional Housing Authority.



**Active Sisters-** Nina Gilliam, Hillary Hunter, Chelsey Gaddy, Auti Massey, Carrie Murry, Emily Benson, Chelsea Long, Lindsey Ballentine, Noel Barry, Sara Craig

## Officers-

President--Nina Gilliam  
Vice President--Hillary Hunter  
Secretary--Chelsey Gaddy  
Treasurer--Auti Massey  
Chaplain--Carrie Murry  
Historian--Emily Benson  
Big Brother Chair--Chelsea Long  
Pledge Mistress--Lindsey Ballentine  
Activities Chair--Noel Barry  
Parliamentarian--Sara Craig

Nina Gilliam runs in and surprises her Little Sister Chelsey Gaddy.



The Gamma Girls pose with their Big Brother coaches after the PowderPuff Game.

**Active Sisters-** Leigh Anderson, Jamie Ballance, Rachelle Brockway, Heather Debty, Felicia Fox, Denisha Kirk, Carla Meador, Sarah Puckett, Becca Sumerel, Kim Thompson

Denisha Kirk and Jamie Ballance relish some time together since they will be graduating soon.



Holly Johnston and Sarah Puckett are sisters behind bars!



## IOTA CHI ALPHA

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Iota Chi Alpha is a Christian sorority that was founded on the Mars Hill Campus on February 14, 1984. This year the sisters have participated in many different activities both on and off campus. Some of the service projects and activities the sisters have been involved in this year are: Operation In-As-Much at Mars Hill Elementary mentoring students at New Direction Farms, Children's Book Drive for the Family Room, the Annual Dance for Independence at MHC and the Homeless Awareness Sleepout. Other activities the girls have annually are rush and pledge seasons, and Big Brother Week. This year the sisters participated in fundraising by selling "Like a Kid Again" raffles tickets and candy grams. The purpose of this organization is to set a Christian example in service and sisterhood.



Carla Meador shows her sisters that she was meant to be a cowgirl!



Kim Thompson enjoys some ice cream at the picnic during fall rush week



Felicia Fox makes some new friends at the petting zoo

The sisters gather for a group picture during the Lion's Growl at Homecoming



# ΣAX

Talia McCammond gets special treatment as the Student Body Vice-President during the Homecoming Parade.

Gabbie Currie and Talia McCammond lay back and relax at a slumber party.



Andy Werner and Kelly Higdon decide to do some fingerpainting while making their banner.



Catherine Hunt, Kelly Higdon, and Gabbie Currie have some fun dressing up for the Wild Kingdom Homecoming Parade

So Young Kim supports her sorority during a car wash. Sigma does a lot to raise money for charity.



# SIGMA ALPHA CHI

Throughout the year, Sigma Alpha Chi has many service projects and fundraisers. In the fall, Sigma sponsors an annual Rock-a-Thon in front of McDonalds in Weaverville where the sisters rock in rocking chairs for 12 consecutive hours, sometimes in freezing temperatures, and take donations to fund the Ronald McDonald

House. In the spring, Sigma also conducts a Swing-A-Thon to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. Here, the girls swing for 12 hours at the Wal-Mart in Asheville, raising money while having a great time. Other events throughout the year include car washes, raffle sales, and BooGram sales at Halloween.



oy Hoosier takes a moment to catch her breath during an activity.



The Sigma pledges get ready to walk in the Homecoming Parade

# ΔΚΘ

Below, Lamar Wilson, takes roses to their Rose Queen on her birthday. Delta Kappa Theta makes sure that each brother and every Rose Queen is taken care of.

Brothers throw candy to children during the 2003 homecoming parade.



President: Tommy Keller  
 Established: 1973  
 Number of Members: 11  
 Advisor: Darryl Norton  
 Active Members: Tommy Keller, Chip Oglesby, Doug Chester, Aaron Slate, Lamar Wilson, David Maxon, Brandon Jeffs, Jake Robinson, Nick Spencer, Warren Underwood, Chris Alley.



The brothers celebrate their first place finish in the Lion's Growl. Their skit about America's Funnies Home Videos was a big hit.

# Delta Kappa Theta

Delta Kappa Theta is a local service/social fraternity that participates in many service projects and social activities on campus. This year was very special for the brothers of Delta Kappa Theta; 2003 marked the 30th anniversary of being on the Mars Hill College campus and the year of the Rose Ball. The Rose Ball is an event that takes place once every five years and is a way for brothers and alumni to meet and catch up on old times. The brothers also participate in many service projects on and off campus, including places such as Manna Food Bank and Mars Hill Elementary.

Joanna Robinson was the Rose Queen for 2003-2004. The Rose Queen is the female on campus who embodies all aspects of Delta Kappa Theta.



David Maxon and Chip Oglesby spend some time together during the Rose Ball. Both brothers graduated in December.

Doug Chester, Aaron Slate, Tommy Keller, Justin Hendrix and Dustin McCue pose with Tommy's dog during homecoming activities.





Ray Bailey speaks up and puts in a word for Theta Chi at an Inter-Greek Council event.

Brothers Richard Carrington, Andy Leigh, Yohei Kaga, and Matt Wilson get ready for an activity.

# ΘΧ





# THETA CHI

Theta Chi national fraternity was founded April 10, 1856 in Norwich, Vermont. The Mars Hill charter of Theta Chi is the Theta Omicron chapter and was founded on April 11, 1992. Throughout the year, Theta Chi raises money for many organizations including: Helpmate, the Red Cross, and the Mars Hill Fire Department. Theta Chi strives to always "lend a helping hand".

Brothers Matt Davis and Nathan Galloway help Grammer Caudle during their service project at Helpmate.

Theta Chi shows off their Homecoming float as they drive down Highway 213

Active Brothers- Ray Bailey, Brian Carlstrom, Matt Davis, Nathan Galloway, Jeff Hicks, Yohei Kaga, Andy Leigh, Rob Taylor, Matt Wilson

## Officers-

President: Matt Davis

Vice-President: Brian Carlstrom

Secretary: Jeff Hicks

Treasurer: Matt Wilson

Marshal: Ray Bailey

Chaplain: Nathan Galloway



Jeff Hicks, Matt Wilson, and Nathan Galloway take a moment to pause for the camera. They never fail to charm.

Ray Bailey, Matt Wilson, Matt Davis, and Brian Carlstrom enjoy spending time together since they know college life doesn't last forever!

# ZXΘ

John Walenczyk takes a moment to smile with Jill Zirkle at Homecoming.

Josh Almond certainly finds his brothers funny.



Josh Almond goofs off with Matt Hodge. There was never a shortage of fun with Zeta!

Zeta alumni Terrance Colman and brother John Walenczyk catch up during Homecoming Weekend. Alumni are always happy to come back and visit at Homecoming.



# Zeta Chi Theta

## Active Brothers-

John J. Walenezyk, Zachary Keister, Stephen Fitzgerald, Joshua Almond, Jordan Klepp, Robert Burnette, John Decker, Jackson Blankenship, Adam Fosson, Liam Andrews

## Officers-

John J. Walenezyk - President  
Zachary Keister - Vice President  
Stephen Fitzgerald - Treasurer  
Joshua Almond - Pledge Master

Zeta Chi Theta is a local fraternity founded in 1986 at Mars Hill College. Each year they sponsor a Bounce-a-Thon in the spring to raise money to benefit the advances and research of Alzheimer's disease. They strive to represent themselves as a fraternity that serves the community and also Mars Hill College while, at the same time, creating a bond in brotherhood.



John Decker flaunts what he's got a Zeta activity.

Zachary Keister and brothers celebrate after winning this years Sloppy Bowl between Zeta and Theta Chi.



# CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

# Conservation Club



After clearing paths up Bailey Mountain, the pathmakers pose for a picture with their machetes.

## Officers:

President - Dana Jolley

Vice President - Phillip Bost

Secretary - Sara Nichols

Treasurer - Keith Roberts

Ecology students take a group picture at the Energy exchange in Burnsville, North Carolina.



Phillip Bost and Keith Roberts pause to pose for a photo after prevailing over a patch of prickles to provide a path for people up Bailey Mountain.

Rebecca Dellinger and Matt Finch replant azaleas at the Energy Xchange.



Phil Bost hacks to clear a path up Bailey Mountain. Phil likes to take a bite out of brush.





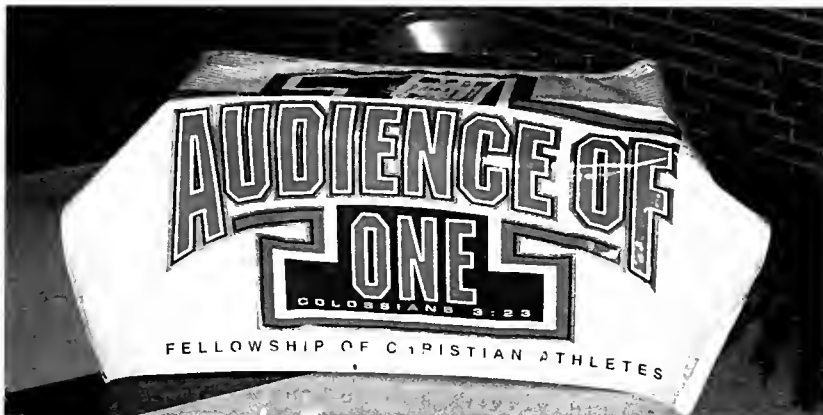
Students of FCA sing praise and worship songs during a meeting.

# Fellowship of Christian Athletes



Right at the beginning of FCA there are the announcements and the welcome.

The motto of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes this year is an Audience of One - God.



Left, Kirby Lee shows off his muscles as basketball teammates Josh Millsaps and Jerome Ramsey stand in awe. There are many sports teams represented in FCA.



Antonyo Douglas and Dane Thompson chill after FCA in the Blue Lounge.

Marty Gilbert, a leader of FCA who also provides some of the music, talks to a student after the meeting.





A group of CSMers traveled to Caswell to help lead a Spring Fling weekend.

A lot of CSM members pose for a group picture before FLASH one Tuesday night.



Susan Beane holds a sign up advertising the car wash that raised money for Summer Missions





The goal of the Christian Student Movement is to help students grow in their faith, provide opportunities for service in the community and throughout the world and encourage community on campus. CSM has a variety of activities to get involved in including the New Beginning Singers, Creative Ministries, Spiritual Growth, and Missions. On Tuesday nights, CSM holds its weekly FLASH (Food, Laughter, And Serving

Him) meeting. At FLASH students get to fellowship with each other as well as with members of local churches. CSM provided students with the opportunity to go to the Bahamas on a mission trip to work with kids. Also this year CSM started a new mission project based on the verse Matthew 25. With this project, students have the opportunity to get involved in feeding the hungry, visiting the lonely and imprisoned, and much more.

## Christian Student Movement



Top Left CSM members raise money for Summer Missions by holding a car wash at the Mars Hill Exxon

Bottom Left CSM members hang out in the Fellowship Hall waiting for FLASH to start. Every Tuesday night CSM has FLASH

Top Right Rebecca Terry, Chaplain Daniel Terry, Kelly Norman, and Robin Putnam dance around the loft at the CSM Hoedown

Bottom Right The CSM banner is carried right in front of the CSM floats in the Homecoming parade down Hwy 213

# New Beginning Singers

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has passed away, the new has come.*

*- 2 Corinthians 5:17*

The New Beginning Singers is a group dedicated to worshipping God, fellowshiping with each other, and serving the community through song, interpretive movement, service work and so much more. They get their name from 2 Corinthians 5:17 which talks about being a new creation in Christ. At the end of the year, NBS takes an annual mission trip and has gone to places in Western North Carolina, Florida, and Indiana.



NBS performs their music some songs for listeners at a Jesus Video Project meeting.

Erica Pace, Kathryn Hall, and Sarah Reiff move interpretively to "Shout to the Lord".



NBS members help clean toys at Helpmate in Marshall.

NBS poses for a group picture during a stop on last year's mission trip.

The singers warm up before leading worship at a local church.



# INSANE STEPPERS IN UNITY

## MARS HILL COLLEGE STEP TEAM

stepping is a form of African Dance that makes rhythmical beats with one's hands and feet. At Mars Hill College the step team helps to raise school

spirit and cultural awareness. They participate in school events such as the Lion's Growl and the Talent Show.

### Members:

Mary Margaret Fulk  
Quennise Giles  
Rebecca Sumerel  
(captain)

April Hatten  
Tessa Ashwell  
Carenthius Payne  
Lillie Hughes  
(co-captain)



The Insane Steppers in Unity perform for the large crowd that turned out for the Lion's Growl.

Tessa Ashwell and Quennise Giles pass the "spotlight" with their movement to the next two to show their stepping talents.



The Step Team comes together in a huddle during their Lion's Growl routine.

Rebecca Sumerel, Tessa Ashwell, April Hatten, and Quennise Giles break it down as the Step Team performs for the Talent Show.

# Choir

## Officers:

**President -**

Erin Sinclair

**Vice President -**

Laura Keener

**Secretary -**

Alicia Hawkins

**Class Representatives -**

**Freshmen -**

Kathryn Strickler

**Sophomore -**

Andrea Bailey

**Junior -**

So Young Kim

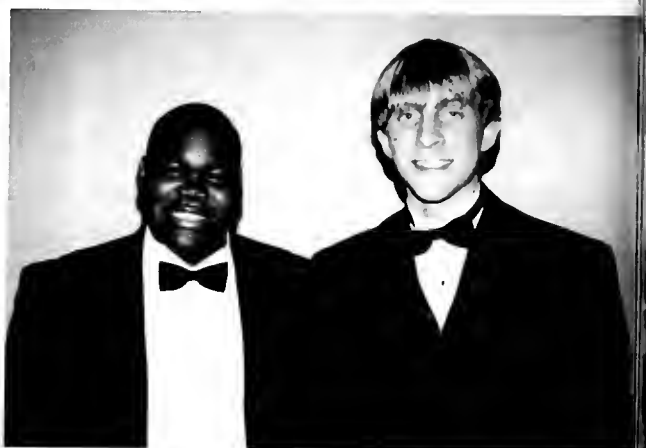
**Senior -**

Kim Loftis



The choir squeezes in for a photo minutes before they leave on their spring choir tour around North Carolina and Virginia.

Michael Fisher and David Fields were picked to sing in the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Men and Boys Choir. This is the southern division of Men and Boys Choir for the convention in Nashville.





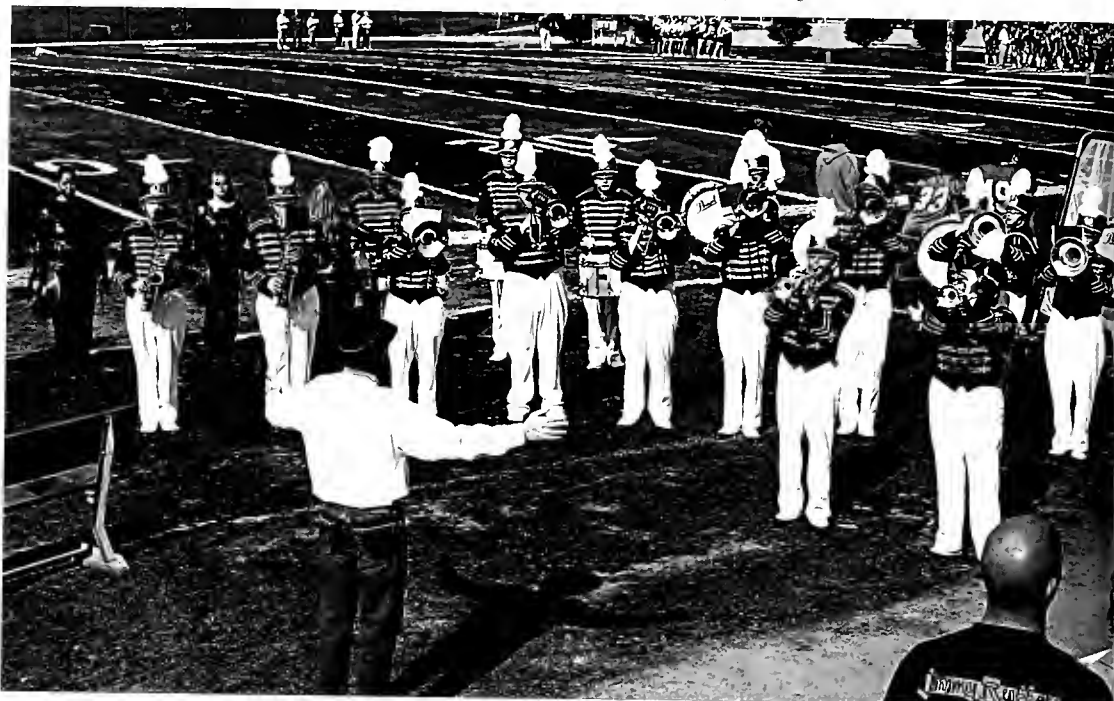
Dr. Reed directs the choir at their annual Christmas Concert.



Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at lunch time, the choir can be found in the choir room rehearsing (left) for their many performances (below).



Al Corley leads the marching band in the National Anthem before kick-off at the Homecoming football game.



Tiffany Heatherly and Derrick Johnson stand at attention before starting the half-time show.



Brian Smith takes a break from playing to scope out the crowd. The band's music from the stands adds so much to the games and gets everyone pumped up.



# Marching Band



The trumpet section stands in position at the front of the field as their talents are featured in the Homecoming half-time show



Andrew Barlow looks up into the crowded stands as the marching band gets ready to step on the field to perform their half-time show



Members of the marching band march around the field while playing their parts. The tubas and the drumline provide the rhythm for the marching bands show



Al Corley looks on as the marching band performs their half time show

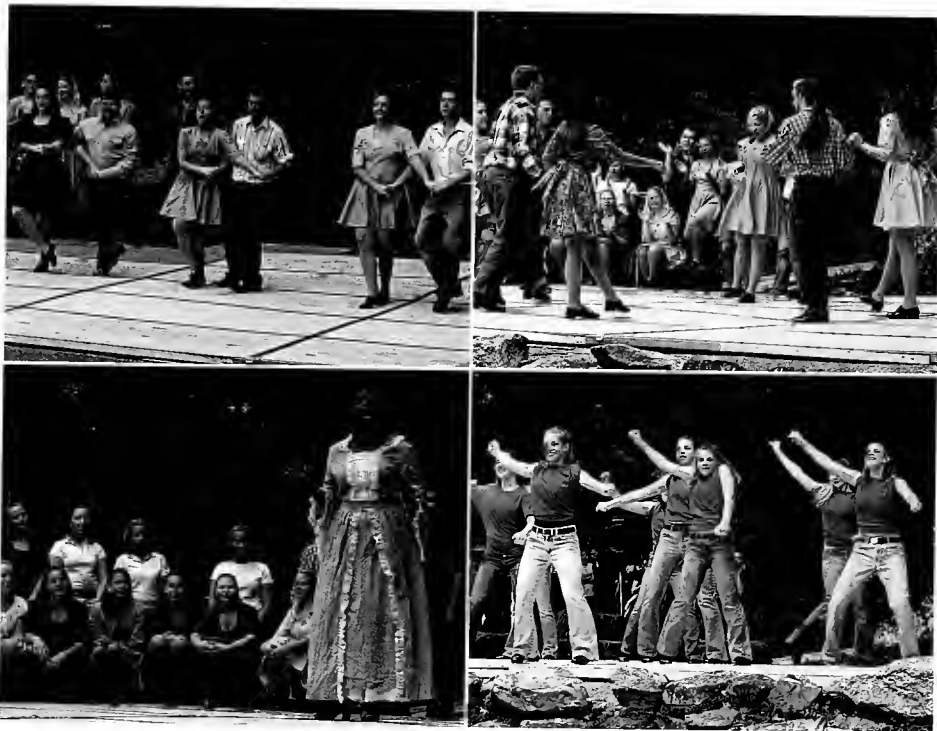


The marching band proceeds down Highway 213 bringing some music to the homecoming parade

# Bailey Mountain Cloggers

The Bailey Mountain Cloggers are a big group that stands out here at Mars Hill College. The Cloggers have won twelve National Championships and travel all over the world. They have been to Ireland, Austria, Canada, Mexico, Scotland, and England and have also performed at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D. C. The group consists of 39 members from 11 different states. Director Jay Ledford brings 29 years of experience to the BMC squad.

## The Lunsford Festival



Top left - The Cloggers perform "precision clogging."

Bottom left - Denisha Kirk sings at the Lunsford Festival as the Cloggers look on .

Top right - BMC honors their origins with a country hoedown.

The freshmen of the BMC show their stuff in the Freshman Exhibition.





Rebekka Harper and Nick Spencer perform a duet



The Cloggers perform a country hoedown! They are always a big draw at the Lunsford Festival

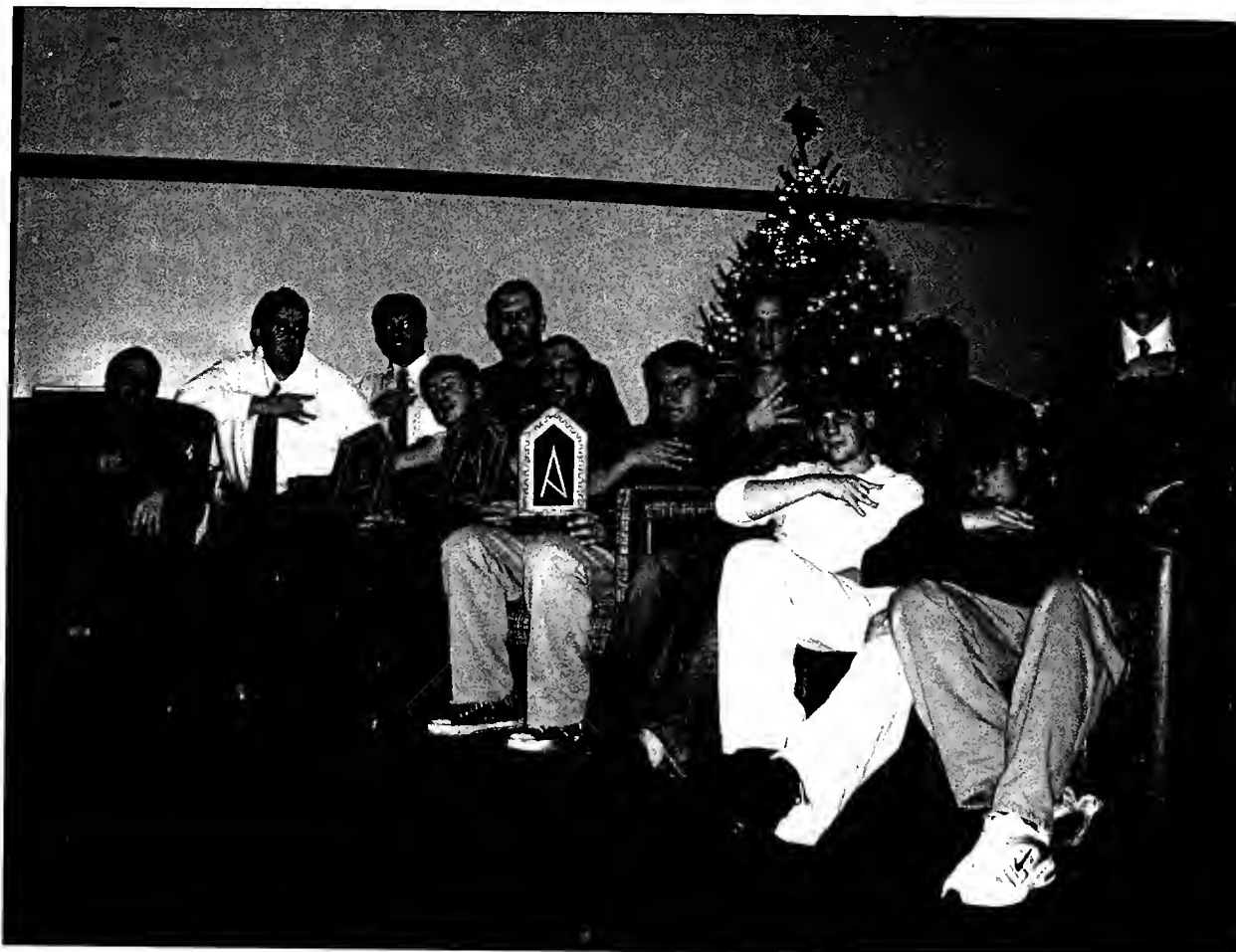


Alumni Austin Lee and current member Nina Gilliam perform solos

Christy Seng and Ashleigh Stapler perform in duos during the Festival



Megan Metts and Jamie Ballance show their stuff in the open line



# Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia

Motto: "Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia – devoted to instilling in all people an awareness of music's important role in the enrichment of the human spirit." The Object of this Fraternity shall be for the development of the best and truest fraternal spirit; the mutual welfare and brotherhood of musical students; the advancement of music in America and a loyalty to the Alma Mater.

Sinfonians share a love of music that unites them as brothers with a common interest. The Fraternity teaches men to develop themselves and their art, not for the sake of art itself, but as a means of enriching the lives of others. Through a multitude

of chapter, provincial, and national events, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia offers unlimited opportunities for performance, community music outreach and other activities designed to develop a true appreciation for the power of music to uplift the soul. Pi Rho officers for 2004 are: President: Brian Smith, Vice President: Jason Slaughter, Fraternity Education Officer: Derrick Johnson, Secretary: Josh M. Dillingham, Treasurer: David Greybill, Historian: Thiago Tiberio, Warden: Derek Hodges, Alumni Secretary: Alvin Truell, Faculty Advisor: Dr. Al Corley



The whole brotherhood gathers together for a picture

Derrick Johnson and Alvin Truell are brothers for life

Derek Hodges, David Greybill, Idris Rasheed, Derrick Johnson, Alvin Truell, and Brian Smith share some memories together. Josh Dillingham and Charlie Caldwell share the couch during a meeting of the brotherhood.

Jason Slaughter isn't camera shy at this meeting!

Alvin Truell, Cody Reynolds, and Matt Sanders say they want to make music and have fun!

# Theater Arts

## The Taming of the Shrew



Bianca (Courtney Pierce) is courted by suitors Hortensio (Immanuel Elliot) and Gremio (Chris Smith).





Kate (Laura Nell Dubuisson) tries to force Bianca (Courtney Pierce) into confessing which suitor she prefers



Above, Bianca (Courtney Pierce) and Lucentio (Matt Finch) begin to fall in love.



Petruchio (Justin Phaneuf) looks smug as he begins to tame Kate (Laura Nell Dubuisson).



Petruchio (Justin Phaneuf) berates his servant Grumio (Jason Aycock).



**Bethany Leatherwood**



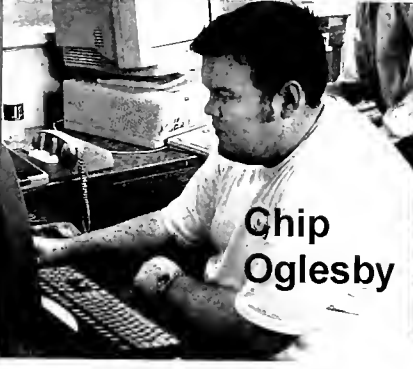
**Erin Carter**



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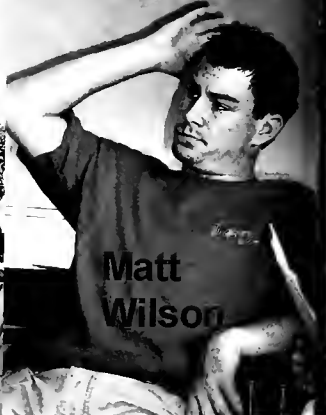
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**Bob  
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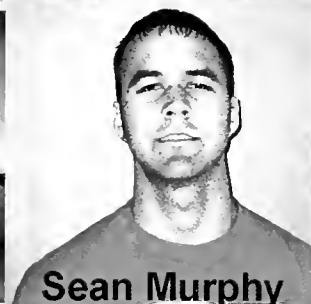
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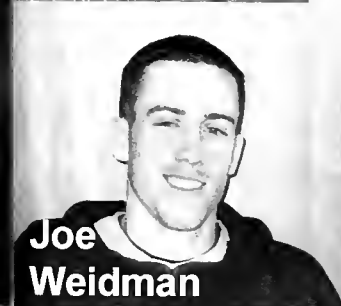
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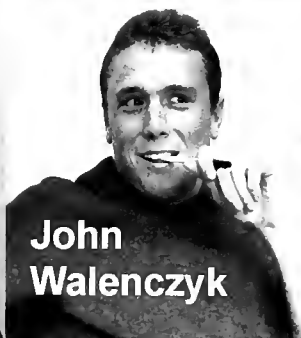
Sean Murphy



Melanie  
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Joe  
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John  
Walenczyk



Lindsay  
Madej

*Coming to a theater near you...*

## Praise and Worship

Praise and Worship meets Wednesday night in the Old Mars Hill Theater for worship and spiritual growth. A great part about coming is the opportunity to meet and fellowship with students who are followers of Jesus Christ. As a student-led group there are opportunities for leadership and service whether you serve God with an instrument or

encouragement and prayer. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., Worship begins at 8. This is the time to enter into the presence of God and give Him the praise he fully deserves. It's group-focused on the Word of God (the Bible) as truth.

Praise and Worship is a great place to worship, study the Word, and build relationships.

Sophomore Dwayne Parton plays his guitar and leads songs for students at Praise and Worship.



A group of Praise and Worship "regulars" gather for a final picture with David Georges. In December, David left for a two year trip to China as a Journeyman.





Some freshmen girls pose for a picture with Senior Lori Edwards. Lori graduated December and was a big part of Praise and Worship.



Shane Johnson and Lori Edwards use their voices to help lead songs at Praise and Worship.



Joanna Robinson and Courtney McCracken show off their musical ability by singing "Integrity", a song they wrote and arranged especially for Praise and Worship.

Students split into small groups to participate in a Bible study and to discuss different things going on in their lives.

# ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Nancy Ammons and Amanda Tester refill the water coolers with ice during a football game. The trainers were always on top of anything the players needed.

Allen Shelley, the head of Athletic Training, works with an athlete. Allen works mainly with football, but helps with many other sports.



Naoko Hatanaka, Allen Shelley, and Yohei Kaga take a moment out of their busy schedule to take a picture.

The Athletic Training staff pauses for a brief moment during their fun day of camping and hiking. The staff includes Allen Shelley, Michael Hodges, Robin Kennel, Kim DeReamer, and Joel Moffat.





Chelsea Long helps basketball player Tiffany Atkins by taping her wrist during a game

The Athletic Trainers take a moment before the football game begins to pray that they will not have any dramatic injuries to take care of



Becca King and Aubrey Adams smile while hiking at John's Rock with their fellow AT's



Megan O'Kelley works hard refilling the individual water bottles for the football team



Nancy Ammons worked with the football team this fall, helping them with anything from water to blisters



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Lenior Rhyne L 7-13

Wingate University W 21-3

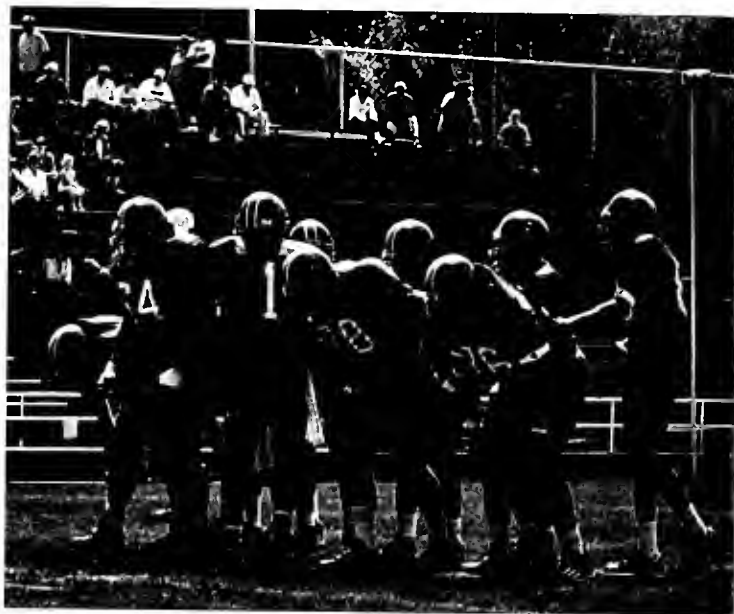
Newberry College WO 31-24

Tusculum College L 7-13

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The Lion's offensive line gets ready as quarterback Antwan Welch calls the play.

Wide receiver Fabian Porter gets ready to take off for the endzone when the ball is snapped.



Junior Cedric Johnson throws a block for sophomore running back Antoine Jones.





# Mars Hill College Men's Football



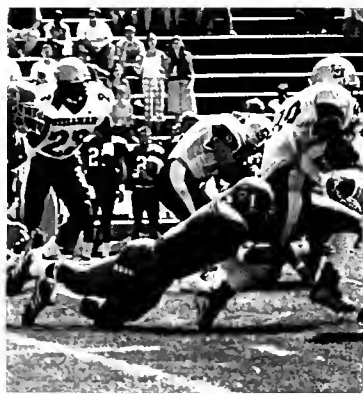
7-4 (3-4 conference)  
 1<sup>st</sup> team all conference  
 Rod DeWalt  
 Tellex Lanham  
 Michael Grant  
 2<sup>nd</sup> team Cedric Johnson  
 Offensive Freshman of the  
 year : Brandon Sims

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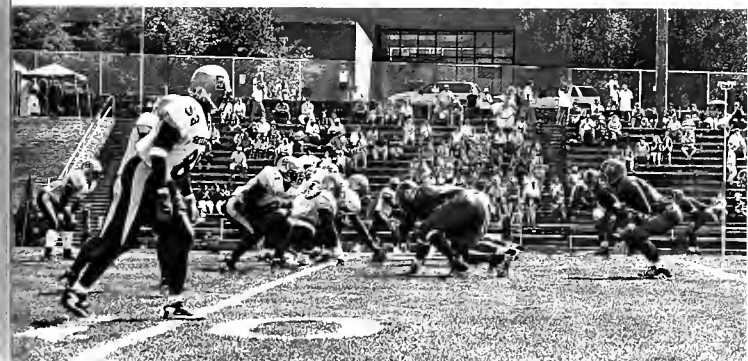
The Lions go with a rushing play to get the touchdown



LaShawn Miller and C.J. Petty celebrate after tackling yet another opponent



Above, the Lions tackle a running back as he tries to sneak through the defensive line



The defensive line gets set, waiting for the snap  
 The defense was led by seniors Tellex Lanham and Michael Grant



Right: Senior Walter Gay receives a ball and turns on his defender.

Below: Paul Buckley prepares to serve a ball across the field to teammates making a run.



Top: The Lions defend their goal.

Right: Freshman Sam Warren beats his defender and continues his attack up the sideline.





# Men's Soccer

The Lions finished their season 3-13-1, 0-6-1 in the SAC. This season they lose just three seniors, Jonathon Hoyt, Walter Gay, and Matt Nocks, so they will be depending on their young squad to step up and lead next season.



Top: Ryan Minor and Matt Nocks crash the goal as the ball is served in.

Left: Senior Jonathon Hoyt cuts to defend against the attack. He was a valuable leader for the Lions.

Daniel Amick and Dustin Shinholser, two of the distinguished red-heads on the team, lead the chase pack at Regionals. Both finished in the top ten.

Senior Steve Pearce added to the depth of this strong team, running in the top seven for Regionals



The squad gathers for a picture after winning all possible men's awards at the South Atlantic Conference Championships.

James Thompson, a sophomore and top seven runner, races through huge mud puddles, helping the Lions to win the Regional Meet.



# Men's Cross Country

The men's team had a very successful year with several people receiving individual awards in addition to the team winning Conference and Regionals. Members of the team named to First Team All-Conference: Craig Eckstein, John Stoehr, and

James Thompson. Second Team All-Conference: Bobby Beeson and Corey Simons. All-Region team members: Craig Eckstein, Daniel Amick, and Dustin Shimholser. Craig Eckstein was also named Conference and Region Runner of the-

Year, and John Stoehr was named Conference Freshman of the Year. Ben Jackson was Conference Scholar Athlete and Coach Mike Owens was named Conference and Region Coach of the Year.

Winning the SAC Championship for the seventh consecutive time, the team has a big smile for the cameras

Daniel Amick celebrates after being named to the South Atlantic Conference All-Conference Team



Ben Jackson and Jeff Jenkins stuck together during a race. Both seniors, they were important leaders on the team

Chris Risebke and Tyler Wilkinson cheer on the cross country teams at the NCAA National Meet in Raleigh, NC

## Hard Work

Jamison McIver works hard off the ball, creating space inside for a teammate to drive in for a lay up. Most of the work is done off the ball so that the team can succeed.



Roland Williams prepares to take his free throws after being fouled going up for a basket.



Senior Ronald Lewis looks for a pass or a shot after taking the ball down court. A pre-season All-SAC pick, Ronald will be key in leading his team.

Transfer Walt Baxley drives in and scores a lay up.



## Mountain Lions

# Men's Basketball

This year the Lions are looking to build on last year's huge improvement. They will be looking to seniors Travis Wilson, Jerome Ramsey, Ronald Lewis, and Vasilis Tsolakidis for leadership. The Lions are going to be looking to some freshmen and transfers to step up and fight for starting positions. Coach Rogers says this year's team will need to gel quickly and get better defensively to be in the top half of the conference.

Freshman Jamison McIver is surrounded by Limestone jerseys as he prepares to go up for a rebound



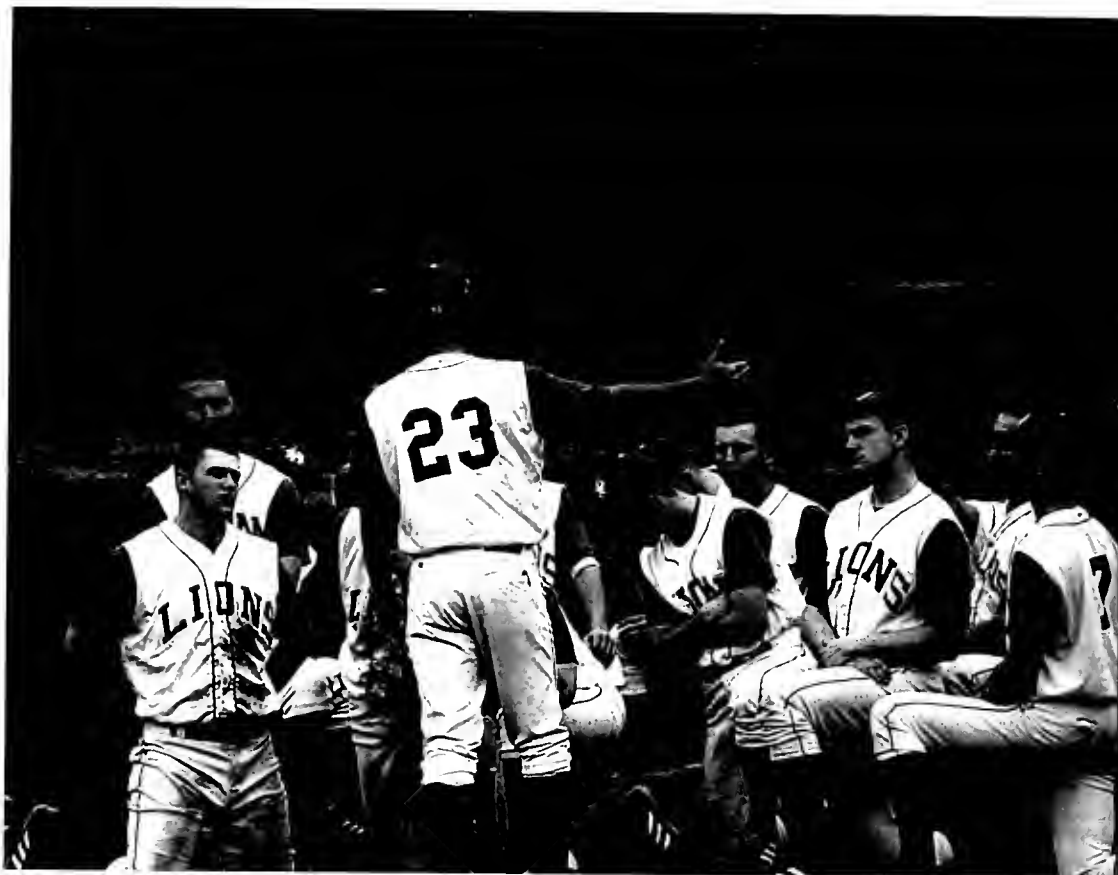
Head coach Terry Rogers sets up a play as his team gathers around. This is Coach Rogers second year coaching the Lions, and he looks to improve this team even more than last year.

### Lions 2003/04 Record

All Games	11-18
Conference	3-11

#### Top Scorers (Points per game)

Ronald Lewis	18.6
Walt Baxley	13.8
Richie Covington	11.9
Chris Conn	10.5
Kirby Lee	7.6
Jerome Ramsey	5.4



Coach Dan Taylor talks to the team before the first inning. As a new coach, Taylor is looking to improve the baseball program even more.

Sophomore infielder Chris Argano prepares himself for another great defensive play.



Joe Weidman gets ready just in case the hitter gets his bat on the ball.





# Men's Baseball

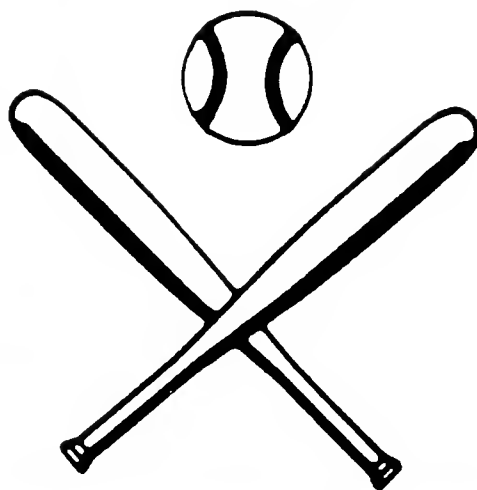
*Going to bat for Mars  
Hill College*

Senior Trinity Phillips waits for the pitch



Senior Tom Foster waits for the call, then winds up for the pitch.

Brandon Haney signals his pitcher with the pitch he wants to retire this batter. A catcher for the Lions last season, he is a student assistant for the team this year.



Senior and co-captain Connor Jardeleza prepares for another tough practice. He and fellow senior Sean Humphreys captain this year's squad.



Chance LeBron, a midfielder for the Lions, receives a ball in practice.



Sophomore James Phelan, a defender, Connor Jardeleza, a middie, and senior attackman David Woodlief pass at practice.

# Mountain Lion Lacrosse



Sophomore Chance LeBron knows that practice makes perfect. The Lion's new head coach, Brian Anken is pushing the team harder than ever for this season.

Andrew Chapman, a freshman from Toronto, Canada, is a new offensive threat for the Lions.



Senior middle Dan Sandlin and freshman Andrew Chapman pass together. Senior leadership is an integral part of the lacrosse team.



Senior Dana Teat and junior Chelsea Haines get set at the starting line of an outdoor meet.

Tabatha Lee, a junior, looks for the finish line as she sprints down the home stretch.



Freshman Kate Prichard is focused on continuing to be a strong force on the women's team.

Freshman Erin McKee works hard at the first big meet of the track season at Appalachian State University's indoor track.





# Men's and Women's Track



Elliot Austin, foreground, and freshman John Stochr stick close together during an event

Craig Eckstem jumps over the hurdle and through the water during the steeplechase. The steeplechase event is fun, but very difficult



Sophomore Corey Simons tries to focus as he nears the end of his race

The men's team gets a good jump at the start at an outdoor meet

Rebekah Bunch makes a move on her defender from UNC-Pembroke.



Gaelyn Byrnes keeps her mark in front while watching the ball.

Lauren McCoy stops the UNC-P attack and prepares to start the Lion's offense.



Forwards Dana Teat and Rebekah Bunch crash the goal as a ball is served in from the flank.





# 2003 Women's Soccer



Helen Brown clears the ball up the sideline, eliminating the offensive threat.

Dana Teat turns the corner on her way to the goal.

The Lady Lions finished their season with a record of 6-14, 1-7 in the South Atlantic Conference. They lose seniors Dana Teat and Lauren McCoy, but hope to come back strong next year with a strong recruiting class and experienced returning starters.

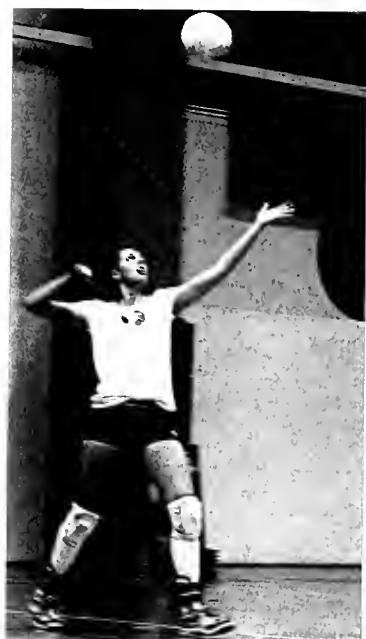


Helen Brown gets tangled up with her mark as Gaelyn Byrnes, Sarah Janson, and Rachel Barcio sprint to help out.



Sophomore Rebekah King powers the ball between two blockers for a point

The Lady Lions get together after a point to encourage themselves. Teamwork was important for the ladies to be successful.



Sophomore Jennifer Johnson tosses the ball up for a serve

Vicki Vaughan sets up teammate Ashley Beasley, a sophomore transfer from Western Carolina



# Women's Volleyball



Two of the Lady Lions go up for a block at the net. Blocking was a strength for the women this season.

One of the Ladies serves for an ace. The women were best in the conference this year in team service aces per game.



Morgan Crisp digs a serve as Rebekah King and Holly Covington back her up. Team coverage is a major part of a good defense.



Coach Bill Shook talks strategy with the Lady Lions between games.

Rebekah King goes up for the spike and Sarah Nash gets ready just in case the ball is returned.

*Lady Lions*

# Women's Basketball

This year the Lady Lions are looking to improve on last season. They will be led by their seniors, Tiffany Atkins, April Hatten, and Heather Connelly, but will also look to several freshmen to pick up some starting slots on the floor. The Lion's goals are to work well as a team and to maintain intensity on both ends of the court.

Abby DeBusk, Tiffany Atkins, and Lindsey Jones listen intently while Coach Maddox explains the play



## Lady Lion's 2003-04 Record

All Games	11-18
Conference	3-11

### Top Scorers (Points per Game)

Kristi Ferris	16.0
Lindsey Jones	15.2
Tiffany Atkins	12.9
Abby DeBusk	8.7
Crystal Davis	8.9



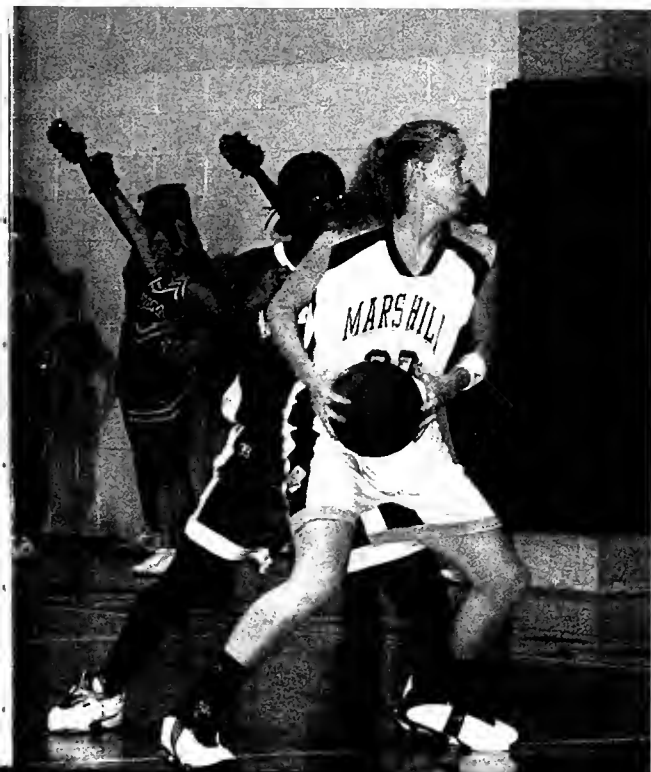
Lindsey Jones picks up her dribble and looks for a pass. Teammate Heather Connelly moves to get open.

Lindsay Roberts, a freshman, shoots her free throws after being fouled going up for a basket. The freshmen on the team have really stepped up to fill in the holes left by the seniors of last season.



## Teamwork

Lindsey Jones gets the ball and senior teammate April Hatten moves to help block some opponents so Jones can take the shot.



Freshman Abby DeBusk dribbles past Tiffany Atkins looking for the open shot.

Senior Tiffany Atkins, a leader on this year's team, goes up inside the paint for two points.

# WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The Women's team was another very successful team for Mars Hill this season. They won the SAC Championship for the sixth time and also won the Region Meet, earning a trip to the NCAA National Meet. There were several individuals on the team who also earned awards. Kate Prichard, Greta Statler, and Kristen Shipley earned All-Region Awards. Rachel Retallick, Greta Statler, and Kate Prichard were named

First Team All-Conference. Tabatha Lee and Kristen Shipley were named Second Team All-Conference. Kate Prichard was the Conference Freshman of the Year and Rachel Retallick was Scholar Athlete of the Year. Coach Mike Owens was named Region and Conference Coach of the Year.

Erin McKee, a freshman, ran well for the Lad Lions this season, running seventh on the team for Nationals.



The women's team celebrates after winning their third SAC Championship in a row.

The ladies get a good start at the Great American Cross Country Meet in Raleigh, NC, where they would continue to win the Regional Meet and compete in the NCAA National Championship.





Team members complete their warm-up and begin stretching in preparation for the Great American Meet

Rachel Retallick and Tabitha Lee stay together during the USC-Spartanburg Invitational Running as a team helped the women win many meets over the season



Freshman Kate Prichard smiles after receiving her All-Region Award

Chelsea Barnes finished her junior season with a spectacular race at the NCAA National Meet



Sophomore Kristian Smith warms up for the big game.



Sophomore Jessica Valentine prepares for the ground ball into the infield.



Alicia Flynn is a student assistant this year for the Lady Lions softball team.

Junior second-baseman Amanda Tomlinson stays attentive as the pitcher winds up for the pitch.





# Women's Softball



Senior third-baseman Audrey Riffel is a leader on this year's team. Senior leadership is always very important for every team sport.



Sophomore pitcher Lyn Loomis warms up before the game begins.



The team comes in for a quick prayer before the game begins.

Student trainer Naoko Hatanaka helps out injured sophomore Carissa Rice. All Maas Hill athletes appreciate their student trainers.



# A Long, Long Championship Race

*The Mars Hill men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Southeast Region Division II Championships on November 8, 2003. Team member Carson Byrd dedicated this account to the memory of freshman runner Bobby Beeson (May 8, 1985 - Nov 7, 2003).*

CARY, N.C. - A light rain fell as Coach Owens, Craig, Dustin, Jon, and I head out to a nearby greenway for a shakeout run. The rain still falls gently, the swishing sound of runners in wind-suits fills the air, and Mars Hill parents and friends start to gather.

Tyler and Rachel dash off on their run. Elliot and I brave the drizzle and cool temperatures and run in nothing but our shoes, socks, and running shorts. When we return, our shoes, legs, and the back of our shorts are covered in mud.

The rain starts to fall a little harder.

The girls' race is about to start. BANG! They head down the hill and disappear into the woods where they'll run a few loops before they ascend the 600 the hill to the finish. Kate runs in third, about forty meters behind the leader. Greta follows closely in sixth place. Kristen and Tabatha run ten meters apart. Ashley runs along a couple of seconds later with Chelsea not far behind. Erin pushes hard to catch runners a little further back. The Lady Lions finish in that order.

The rain still falls.

I help the guys as they finish their preparations. Dustin and Jon lead the team to the box, all faces hard and focused. They begin their strides. We gather into a circle, put our hands in the center, and go through our normal pre-race chat. We encourage, advise, and support each other. I lead the prayer that flows into the



Lord's Prayer. We break it down on three and yell "MHC!" Craig, Daniel, Dustin, Jon, James, Corey, and Steve jog up to the starting line and take their places. They take off their warm-ups to reveal their blue and white uniforms. On the left strap of each singlet is a piece of athletic tape. On it is written Beeson's number, 128.

The rain still falls.

People watch the runners head down the hill into the woods, then run to catch another glimpse. Craig and Ryan Willis of Catawba run 1-2. Not long after, Daniel runs at the head of a small chase pack with Dustin, Jon, and Corey near the back of it. James and Steve run by about fifty meters back.

The rain slows and then stops.

Craig pushes up the hill with Larry Marshall of St. Augustine's on his shoulder in second. Daniel flies by in fifth; Dustin, Jon, and Corey cruise by, picking off runners. James and Steve run up and down the hill and keep racing in the woods.

On the last loop of the race, I see one runner through the trees, flying through the mud and making the turn to approach the hill. It's Craig! He makes the turn and starts to fly over the hill. Willis blitzes through the woods, a hundred meters back. Daniel remains in fifth as he tries to catch Chris Hyatt of Pfeiffer. Dustin speeds by, picking off runners like a farmer picks apples from a tree, one by one. Jon and Corey run by, ten meters back, doing the same. James presses the hill, passing a group of three. Steve follows a little while later, chasing a pack.

Craig cruises the last mile to an easy victory. Daniel sprints in for fifth with Dustin finishing four spots back in ninth. Jon and Corey finish 21st and 26th, James finishes 33rd, and Steve crosses the line in 69th, respectively. We all give

each other hugs, high-fives, and congratulations. Jon and Corey hug. Jon's parents and sister, who flew from Wisconsin, give him a hug. We head back to the bus with the parents and the fans. There we get brownies, candy, and treat-bags from some of the parents. After getting cleaned up, we walk over to the awards presentation.

A giant part of the crowd is Mars Hill runners, fans, and parents. Coach Owens, who is also the Southeast Region representative, announces the awards. The Mars Hill's women have three All-Region Runners in Kate (3rd), Greta (6th), and Kristen (12th). Coach Owens wins the Coach of the Year award, and to top it off, the women take the Southeast Region team title by outdistancing Lees-McRae 67-76. Mars Hill men also have three All-Region runners with Craig winning the race, Daniel finishing fifth, and Dustin ninth. Owens also wins Coach of the Year on the men's side, and Craig is Runner of

the Year. The men win the team title over Lenoir-Rhyne, 62-80.

The clouds begin to break up.

On the bus, some sleep, some listen to CD and MP3 players, and some watch "Ali" on the TVs. We're excited about returning to Nationals for the second consecutive year, but returning home is going to be difficult. We return with questions in our heads and without a teammate, a friend and a brother.

Our journey to Nationals is almost complete. Our journey through life is going to be rough, but we're a strong team, a strong family. This morning Elliot said that he's been on teams where, if all of the stuff of this season had occurred, those teams would have split apart. He knew our team would roll today, and we would stick together afterwards. He's right. The sun sets on the road home.

The sky is blue.



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